

REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 17, 2008. The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 2, 5 and 8 have been amended to correct dependencies from the elected invention. Claim 14 has been amended to correct antecedent basis for certain claim terms. Claim 21 has been amended to depend from claim 14. Support for the amendments to claim 21 can be found throughout the specification as filed (see, e.g., paragraph 00048). No new matter is believed to have been introduced.

Zhu et al. do not teach measuring or identifying anti-Neu5Gc amounts in a biological sample nor does Zhu et al. teach or suggest correlating the amount of anti-Neu5Gc amounts with disease.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner alleges that the application as-filed includes the following inventions:

Group I, claim(s) 1-10, drawn to a method of determining percentage of Neu5Gc.

Group II, claim(s) 11-13, drawn to a method of purifying sialic acid specific antibody.

Group III, claim(s) 14-18, drawn to a method of detecting anti-Neu5Gc specific antibody in a sample.

Group IV, claim(s) 19, drawn to a composition comprising an antibody specific for Neu5Gc.

Group V, claim(s) 20, drawn to a method for purification of antibody specific to sialic acid group.

Group VI, claim(s) 21, drawn to a method for diagnosing of disease.

ELECTION

Applicants elect the invention of Group III (claims 14-18) and claims dependent therefrom (e.g., claims 2-10 and 21). This election is made without traverse.

A Petition for Extension of Time and required fee are submitted herewith. No additional fees are believed to be due.

The Director is authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-4586, please reference the attorney docket number above.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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